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Dear Dr. Newell,

I have just found out that the man who gave me the three coins I sent you has three others which however he holds because he thinks them very valuable. In my opinion, they must be very near in kind to those you have received.

As I may see him in the very near future, please tell me if I should try to get the three others and what price I could more or less safely offer for them. The coins I sent, together with the three others, have been selected out of a very large number — nearly all the others have been melted for their silver.

Excuse me for the annoyance.

Very sincerely Yours

Edward Chiera

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May 10th, 1924

Dr. Edward Chiera
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Dear Dr. Chiera:

Your second letter and the package containing the three coins I found awaiting me on my desk this morning. I did not answer your first letter immediately as I was expecting the arrival of the coins. I am, herewith, returning the three pieces, described and in envelopes.

The two Sassanian coins are exceedingly common, and can be picked up anywhere from 25¢ to a dollar apiece.
The drachm of Antiochus VI is a little scarcer, but in this condition would not fetch more than a couple of dollars. I knew of no one among my friends who would care to purchase these coins.

Concerning the other coins still owned by your friend, I could, of course, say nothing until I have seen them. It is quite probable that they may be rarer than the pieces sent me. In a hoard such as you speak of, there are always likely to be some scarcer pieces there - it might be just these that your friend happens to own. Anyway, please remember that we will always be delighted to be of service to you in attributing or valuing your coins.

I hope that when you come to New York City you will not fail to look me up. Our Museum might be of considerable interest to you if you have not already seen it. Please let me know beforehand when you expect to be in New York as I am shortly leaving for the country; but as during the summer I always come in at least once a week, I can easily fit my time to suit you. It would be a great pleasure to welcome you here and to talk about your approaching visit to Bagdad.

Trusting that this reaches you safely, I am,

Very truly yours,

Encs. President